GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3614
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ACCIDENT IN MURPAR COAL MINE
NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the accident that occurred in the Murpar Coal Mine under Umred Vekoli on January 28, 2003 in which a number of people were killed;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any investigation to ascertain the causes of accident;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the amount being paid as compensation to the family of each deceased; and

(e) the action taken against the persons found responsible for the accident?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir.

(c): Statutory enquiry under the Mines Act, 1952 has been conducted by the Directorate General of Mines Safety. The accident has occurred in a surface Coal Handling Plant when an overhead bunker filled with coal collapsed and fell down while persons were engaged for it`s repair underneath. Four persons were killed and one injured in the accident. The preliminary report of the enquiry had revealed that prima facie the accident took place due to failure of welding in the bunker. Sample has been sent to Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institutes, Durgapur to ascertain the cause of failure.

(d): The amount of compensation and gratuity paid to the families of deceased workers by the management is as given below:-

I Shri Arvind Khandekar Rs. 4,49,093/-
II Shri Rajanand Ramnath Rs. 4,51,884/-
III Shri Abdul Salem Rs. 4,67,297/-
IV Shri Kushwaha Ramashary Rs. 4,51,884/-

(e): The action against the persons found responsible for the accident will be decided after the receipt of final report on the basis of failure analysis report from the central Mechanical Research Institutes, Durgapur.